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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 13

1. FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM UNCORRECTED TRANSCRIPT
OF DEPARTMENT'S APRIL 13 DAILY NEWS BRIEFING:

BEGIN TEXT:

Q. SECRETARY VANCE WHEN HE WENT UP TO CONGRESS TO ASK FOR
THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO SAID THAT THE POLITICAL
CLIMATE WILL IMPROVE IN THE AREA. NOW, EVERY SINGLE
POLITICAL LEADER AGREES HE HAS COME OUT AGAINST THE
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE GREEK
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FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAS CANCELED THE MEETING THAT THEY WERE
GOING TO HOLD TOMORROW WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY.
DOES THE SECRETARY STILL BELIEVE THAT THE POLITICAL CLI-
MATE HAS IMPROVED BY ASKING FOR THE LIFTING OF THE
EMBARGO?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT FOR YOU.

Q. OKAY. ONE MORE THING PLEASE. COULD YOU POSSIBLY GET ME AN ANSWER ON WHAT I ASKED LAST FRIDAY ON WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESENCE OF TURKISH TROOPS ON CYPRUS STILL VIOLATES

AMERICAN LAW?

A. YES. I THINK WE DO HAVE AN ANSWER FOR YOU ON TH;T. WE ARE GOING TO POST IT THIS AFTERNOON. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING IS QUESTION TAKEN BY SPOKESMAN APRIL 7 AND REPLY AS PROVIDED BY HIS OFFICE APRIL 13:

BEGIN TEXT:

Q. REGARDING "PROMPT WITHDRAWAL" BY ISRAELIS, HOW ABOUT TURKEY, SINCE IT WAS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED U.S. LAW ... DOES A VIOLATION REGARDING CYPRUS CONTINUE TO OCCUR NOW?

A. TURKEY WAS THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION ENACTED AFTER ITS MILITARY INTERVENTION ON CYPRUS, BUT BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF THE PRESENT ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT. THAT SPECIFIC LEGISLATION CONTINUES TO RESTRICT U.S. ARMS TRANSFERS TO TURKEY. THE ADMINISTRATION IS ASKING CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE EMBARGO LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO TURKEY BECAUSE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO WILL NOT CONTRI-
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BUTE TO A LASTING NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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